

Haddenham stories from 'A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook' 1897-1990, compiled by Mike Petty

Introduction

Each evening from March 1997 to March 2015 I compiled a 'Looking Back' column in the Cambridge News in which I featured snippets from issues of 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago. I sought out unusual items relating to villages and areas of Cambridge not usually featured

These stories are mainly from issues of the Cambridge Daily/Evening/Weekly News of 1897-1990

I can supply actual copies of many of these articles – please contact me.

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The newspapers are held in the Cambridgeshire Collection together with other Cambridge titles back to 1762. They have a variety of indexes including a record of stories for every village in Cambridgeshire between 1770-1900 and newspaper cuttings files on 750 topics from 1958 to date. I initiated much of the indexing and have many indexes of my own. Please feel free to contact me for advice and assistance.

For more details of newspapers and other sources for Cambridgeshire history see my website
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This index was produced as a working part of my personal research resources and would benefit by editing. Please may what use of it you may. But please remember where it came from

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1899 04 03

My father was formerly foreman of works over the restoration of Haddenham church, during which time a steeplejack accidentally fell off the church and was killed. It is now rumoured that my father, while in hospital, confessed to pushing the man from the building, causing his death. I wish to give an unqualified denial to any such rumours which cast reflections on a man of upright integrity - Water William Lynn

1900 08 23

Agents for Messrs A & B. Hall applied for a licence for a house to be erected in Haddenham at a spot midway between the station and Wentworth, on the site of an old one, called The Tiger whose licence expired about 22 years ago. There were two licensed houses in Wentworth but that of the Red Lion would be dropped. The magistrates granted the application.

1901 02 14

Haddenham Parish Council passed a resolution: "That the County Council be asked to rebuild Aldreth Bridge at as early a date as possible, as the lack of accommodation is an inconvenience and loss to the parish". However it was not only a question of re-building the bridge but of making the roads on either side. They were in a very unsatisfactory state and unless these were repaired the bridge would be perfectly useless except in summer. Chesterton Council said they would not repair the roads and there was a strong feeling that Ely RDC would not repair them on their side.

1901 04 22

The village of Haddenham was the scene of a serious fire. Several persons observed a small flame issuing from the roof of a cottage – one of a block of three situated near Station Road. The flames spread with great rapidity and the village fire engine, of primitive character, being quite unable to cope, was wisely directed to the saving of adjoining property. The Ely Fire Brigade was summoned, but stopped before they left the city, the destruction of the cottages being complete.

1901 11 04

The supporters of the Rev W.T.R. Crookham who, it is claimed, is the "duly-elected chairman of the parish council" convened a meeting at Haddenham. None of the councillors on the opposition side took part in the proceedings. The clerk of the Council was not present but send a letter declining to summon the assembly. The council proposed that proceedings be taken against him for not appearing and bringing the books and documents necessary

1901 12 11

Following a dispute over the election of a Chairman Haddenham parish council brought an action against its Clerk to recover the possession of certain books relating to the affairs of the Parish Council. The Judge gave judgement for the clerk; he found he had not been called upon by a legally-called meeting of the Parish Council and when that meeting was called he trusted the clerk would obey his orders. He awarded him costs and held that these should be paid by the council. He gave them the right to appeal against his decision.

1902 01 21

An appeal has been moved to set aside the recent decision in the County Court which declared Mr Walker to be chairman of Haddenham Parish Council. Meanwhile, having made several futile attempts to hold a meeting it was agreed to call councillors together. A goodly number of councillors and parishioners were present; the desks intended for councillors were occupied by parishioners in free-and-easy attitudes while the council table was monopolised as a very comfortable seat by some of Mr Crookham's party. The police took up position near

at hand in case their services were wanted. After agreeing to pay accounts the meeting broke up in disorder.

1902 02 13

The Isle of Ely county council Highways committee considered the re-building of Aldreth bridge; they recommended sharing half the cost with Cambridgeshire county council, upon the Lord of the Manor of Haddenham finding the other half. It was not only the question of building the bridge but of maintaining it in the future and relieving the Lord of the Manor from further responsibility. The Chairman said they were in a very awkward position and he had made up his mind not to sign his name to the contract or the cheques

1902 04 02

At Haddenham the disputed chairmanship of the parish council continues. Neither side will give way. The past 12 months have proved a period of unrest during which meetings have been held again and again without any progress being made. The latest phase of the ‘crisis’ was the annual parish meeting but after a few moments it was clear any attempt to hold a meeting would end in failure. But for a few public-spirited individuals who have provided lights the village would be in darkness.

1902 11 21

Valuable licensed premises for sale. In Sutton: the brick and slated beer house known by the sign of “Exhibition Inn” in Painter’s Lane, containing tailor’s shop and two bedrooms, stable and iron-roofed open hovel. In Hillrow: the fully-licensed public house known as “Two Pot House” containing tap room and six bedrooms, thatched stables and timber closet. In Haddenham: the beer house known by the sign of “The White Lion” in Station Road.

1903 06 11

An interesting and pretty wedding was solemnised at Haddenham between the Rev Walter Covey Crump and Miss Hilda Porter. The bridegroom was until recently curate of Haddenham and the bride has been for a long period connected with church matters there. It was therefore not surprising that upon so auspicious an occasion the ancient church should be crowded by a large concourse of friends and well-wishers. The bride looked charming in a dress of soft ivory satin and chiffon, trimmed with true lovers’ knots of chiffon, with a wreath of orange blossoms and a veil of old Limerick lace.

1905 09 13

Haddenham’s new Baptist chapel is an ornament to the village; it will seat 339 adults or a mixed congregation of 450 with a small gallery at the front end. The choir and organ will be placed in the south transept. The opening ceremony by Mrs J. Chivers was attended by Baptists from almost every village in the county. A party of 50 journeyed from Cambridge by motor ‘bus, cycle and train. The event was a success and will doubtless be remembered for many years. 05 09 13b

1906 09 13

A number of cases of sacrilege have been reported and with so many vagrants on the road churchwardens should keep a sharp eye on those who enter. Two brass vases have been stolen from Arrington and another from Hatley St George. At Wilburton thieves carried off two brass candlesticks and smashed the contributions box, stealing five shillings. Next day the alms box at Haddenham was tampered with but the contents, which consisted of twopence, was not touched. 06 09 13

1906 10 31

The foundation stone of the new church hall at Haddenham was laid. The need for such a hall has long been felt and the Rev Morgan has thrown himself into the work with such energy. A

site was obtained on a piece of glebe land in Church Lane, plans obtained and now work has begun. In addition to being a Sunday School, entertainments and meetings of all descriptions will be held there. The old small building will be used as an ante-room 06 10 31d & e

1908 02 17

Hillrow, Haddenham, child suffocated – 08 02 17b

1910 02 04

Hill Row Haddenham Newman v Leach re worrying cow – 10 02 04a & b

1910 04 15

Two young men returning to Willingham from Haddenham on Saturday evening by the nearest route across the fens had an anxious and exciting walk. The night was intensely dark and they had difficulty keeping the proper path. With the aid of matches they managed for some time but soon the last match was struck. Then they reached a bridge over a drain. First one and then the other stepped over the side and dropped into the water. At length they struck the right track and reached home weary and wet. 10 04 15e

1910 08 12

A tragedy was narrowly averted at Wentworth by the prompt action of a villager. Jonas Whetstone heard a noise in a well by the roadside and on looking in was surprised to find a young woman clinging desperately to the brick sides of the well and in imminent peril of drowning. It was no easy matter from him to effect her escape but he succeeded in doing so. She had come over to the village from Haddenham to see her lover but he had refused to speak to her. This rebuff proved too much for the girl who, losing all control, jumped into the well. When rescued she was handed over to police and appeared in court charged with attempting to commit suicide. 10 08 12a

1911 04 21

Edward Peters, veterinary surgeon from Haddenham claimed damages from A.J. Pell of Wilburton Manor, (chairman of the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions) in respect of a collision at Witcham Toll. Peters had been sitting in his cart outside the Horse and Gate when his dog ran in front of a motor driven by Pell and got entangled between the bonnet and the off side wheel. The vehicle swerved and collided with the cart, carrying it 60 yards and throwing out Mr Peters who was injured. Other motorists said the dog has also chased their vehicles and the case was dismissed. 11 04 21

1911 10 06

Haddenham Pledger inquest 11 10 06c & e

1911 10 13

A mysterious epidemic has broken out at Littleport. Eighteen cases of the disease, thought to be 'spotted fever', have occurred and four people have died. It has appeared in eleven households, attacking children from 18 months to eight years of age. The schools are being closed and the Littleport pupils of the Ely High School for Girls are not allowed to attend. A report that the disease has also made an appearance at Haddenham is without foundation 11 10 13e

1911 11 10

One of the worst fires in the Aldreth district for many years made such headway that the whole of the farm buildings together with three stacks belonging to farmer Henry Wilkin were totally destroyed. The Haddenham Fire Brigade did not turn out as their engine had been sent away for repair and by the time the Ely Brigade arrived it was useless to think of saving any of the property. Machinery and other effects blazed furiously, the occasional explosions caused by the bursting of boilers adding to the prevailing terror 11 11 10

1912 08 30

Littleport suffered badly in the heavy and continuous rain. The rushing water from the Hemp field flooded the main street between the Granby Hotel and Hitches Street, running into the shops of Mr Fitch and Mr Secker. The steam fire engine made some attempt to pump the water away, but was not very successful. At Haddenham the inhabitants were aroused by the 'Town Crier', Mr Pope, who called upon every man to go down to the Cut Bank or the fen would be 'drownded'. After toiling for hours with railway sleepers the danger was averted. But the crops were partly submerged and the water entered farm cottages forcing several families to beat a retreat 12 08 30n

1912 09 27

Haddenham – Hillrow mission hall – accept Burkitt's offer of land – 12 09 27k

1913 01 10 CIP

Wilburton Hudsons, general smiths, entertain employees of Haddenham, Wilburton & Stretham to supper
Haddenham old book club meeting

1913 01 17 CIP

Haddenham. Wilburton Plough Monday*,

1913 04 18 CIP

Haddenham theft of trestle table from Church Hall

1913 04 23 CIP

Haddenham Feast and Friendly Society parade

1913 07 04 CIP

Sale of estates Ely, Witchford, Haddenham & Grunty Fen
Haddenham first foal show
Haddenham foal show

1913 11 21 CIP

Isle of Ely County Council – smallholdings report including Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Police cottage at Wilburton

1913 12 05 CIP

A report on payment for rats destroyed showed about 6,000 rats had been killed in Stretham, Haddenham, and Little Downham, but nearly ten-times that number in Littleport – as usual. It was unfair that other parishes should have to pay for Littleport rats. But they were the only parish to do its duty thoroughly. Mr G. Darby said the rats came to his mill and did a lot of damage. But Mr A. Darby said ratepayers were paying for the tails more than once. His brother who kept a mill at Pymore would not pay a penny for rat killing as long as the Council did it for him

1914 01 30 CIP

Frederic Jewson of Earith was a member of the large firm of timber importers; at one time he carried on a very large business of brick making at Haddenham, employing a considerable number of hands. 14 01 30h

1914 06 12

After the Haddenham Friendly Society parade the Bishop proceeded to Hill Row to open the new Mission Hall, a useful room where good instruction would be given and people would

meet their neighbours and try to be more neighbourly than they had before. It was a place of worship as well as fellowship and training which would be a real blessing in their parish life and meetings would be held on week days, 1914 06 12 p5

1914 07 02

Haddenham foal show

Haddenham sale H.T. Camps estate

1914 08 28

Haddenham view Cambridge troops, Peacock's motor

1914 10 09 CIP

Military road from Stretham to Newmarket proposed but road Witchford - Haddenham & Sutton – Earith Bridge not needed

1914 10 16 CIP

Haddenham miller trial

1914 11 27 CIP

Haddenham – Belgians

1914 12 04

Haddenham Lovell kia, recruits

1914 12 11

Emergency committees have been appointed to act in concert with the military authorities in case of invasion. That for the Isle of Ely is headed by Mr C. Bidwell and includes Mr Luddington of Littleport, F. Harlock, of Ely A.E. Wright of Haddenham & Owen Ambrose of Stuntney. Their powers include the removal of livestock, vehicles and foodstuffs from the scene of operations and facilitating the passage of troops through the area

1914 12 25

In accordance with custom the widows of Haddenham made their house-to-house call on St Thomas' Day to receive their contributions. Several years ago there were upwards of 70, this year only 22 made their appearance. The youngest was 30 and the oldest 50. Notwithstanding age the senior old lady managed the tramp through the village with as much vigour as the younger ones. It is gratifying to know that this mark of respect paid to the needy poor has not fallen off

1915 09 24

Haddenham new vicar Kermode inducted

Haddenham accident Pake near Globe Inn

Appointments—The High Sheriff Mr Alfred Edwin Wright, of Ivy Lodge, Haddenham, has appointed Mr. William Beldam, solicitor of Littlehampton, Sussex, his Under Sheriff. Mr. J. Percy Maule solicitor, Huntingdon, as his Acting Under Sheriff, and the Rev. S.A. P. Kermode, M.A. (Vicar of Haddenham) his chaplain.

1916 08 30 CIP

Death of Major A. J. Pell. The death occurred suddenly on Monday at Tattenham, near Chertsey, where he was officiating as instructor of musketry, of Major Albert Julian Pell, J.P., of Wilburton Manor. Major Pell had a long record of public service in the County and the Isle of Ely, in which he had resided since 1891. At the time of his death he was holding the office of chairman of the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions, vice-chairman of the County Council of the Isle of Ely, chairman of the Fulbourn Asylum Visitors, chairman of the Haddenham Level

Commissioners, chair of the Grunty Fen Drainage Committee, chairman of the General Committee of the Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital, vice-chairman of the Territorial Force Association, a Deputy Lieutenant of the County and Lord of the Manor of Wilburton. He was High Sheriff in 1909. He was called to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn in 1890.

1920 12 29

Haddenham water supply – adverse reports; Stretham sewer blocked again

1922 06 14

The "pros and cons" of a proposed joint water scheme were reviewed at a public inquiry convened by the Ministry of Health held at Ely. Mr H.J. Martin explained that for the most part the inhabitants of Littleport drank water from the River Ouse. Mr A.K. Campbell put in an analyst's report to the effect that water from the Ouse taken four miles south of Littleport was polluted with sewage and was unfit for drinking purposes. Mr T.Peake: "I would like to remind you that Ely City empties its sewage into the waters which Littleport has to drink; also that last year the rivers were absolutely unfit for drinking purposes - they were stagnant and putrid". A feature of the enquiry was the stout opposition put up by the parishes of Haddenham, Wilburton, Stretham and Little Downham. A solitary supporter from Stretham explained that he did not attend a public meeting there - which was unanimous against the scheme - because had he done so he would probably have been "crucified"

1922 07 15

An event of unique interest and of considerable local importance took place in the Vicarage meadow at Haddenham in the form of a pageant entitled "Ye Olde Towne of Hadnam". As may be judged it was an attempt - and one which was eminently successful - to portray the history attaching to that village. That it aroused much interest in the district may be gathered from the fact that well over 100 people were present. A large contingent journeying from Ely, while all the villages around contributed their quota and so helped to make the pageant exceed the highest anticipations of the promoters

1923 06 22

Ely rural district surveyor reported on the manure heaps in Long Drove, Haddenham. Mr Heffer said it would certainly injure the smallholders and farmers if they were stopped putting their heaps of manure in the droves. Mr Porter said it was causing an obstruction. He did not wish to debar them from getting the manure out but if they were going to allow anyone and everyone to put manure on public highways the council were creating a very dangerous precedent. Mr Kisby said that it would cause hardship for it was possible that many of those men had a big accumulation of manure which could not easily be moved.

1924 02 18

A meeting took place at Ely for the purpose of forming an Ely branch of the National Farmers Union. Mr Street Porter said a branch existed at Haddenham and if one was formed for Ely it would be much more convenient for his district. There were four others in the Isle of Ely – March, Wisbech, Chatteris and Whittlesey. There would be no doubt that members would derive benefits from it.

1924 08 09

A message broadcast from 2LO last night stated that the 16-year-old son of the Rev Dawson Bolton of Haddenham, known as "Sonny", is missing. His height is five feet and he has dark hair with scar under right eye. Information should be sent to the Ely police, through Scotland Yard

1924 08 28

Haddenham was full of excitement when a crowd of about 250 residents turned out and resented the appearance of an auctioneer who had come to conduct a sale under duress for

Ouse Drainage Board rates. The auctioneer made preparations to commence the sale. Then things began to get lively, and ancient eggs made their appearance and amid roars of laughter the auctioneer stood like a hero spattered with yolks of many hues. They came from all directions and showered all over him. Through all the auctioneer tried to carry on. There was a plentiful supply of "ammunition and many of the eggs made their mark on people who did not expect them

1925 04 28 c

Haddenham folk were in a happy mood when a social was held in the Church Hall to celebrate the opening of a new branch of the Ely Co-operative Society in the village. The new premises, which were erected by Mr H. Feast, a local builder, comprise departments for groceries, provisions, drapery & boots. Years ago the Co-operative tree was planted in Ely, and first of all it branched out to Littleport. Later came the Sutton branch, then one in Ely.

1925 07 27

Ely R.D.C. received a petition from Haddenham ratepayers protesting at the great inconvenience caused by the want of water for domestic purposes. But Mr Camps said the petition came as a surprise as they had a public meeting to decide whether they should have piped water and 150 electors were present but only one person voted for it. There was a strong feeling against but if the matter could be remedied by cleaning out the wells the people would appreciate the kindness of the council.

1925 08 22

The Ely council chairman said he had no idea things were so bad in Haddenham and that people had to walk half a mile to fetch water. Mr Hepher said there was plenty of pure water in the parish, but not a good distribution. It would cost something like £7,000 to take water as far as the Cross Keys and about £10,000 if a supply was taken another mile and some who signed the petition would drop out. Mr Darby said they should consult Haddenham before they enforced the silly expenditure on the village.

1925 09 09

Pointed speeches and noise in plenty characterised the public meeting held at Haddenham to discuss the question of a water supply to the village. A few weeks ago a petition signed by over 100 residents was sent asking for a supply. Pandemonium reigned at the back of the room, there being so much noise that speakers could not make themselves heard. The proceedings were temporarily transformed into a wordy conflict between leather-lunged 'waterites' and 'non-waterites' near the doorway and it was several minutes before peace was restored. Mr Peacock said he was never out for water just to wash his car and have his bath. They should ask people who had dyke water not good enough to drink about the matter. Mr Camps said that if they wanted water they should have their own reservoir.

1925 12 29

The Water Engineer submitted a scheme to Ely RDC for the extension of water supply to Haddenham. He recommends the erection of a reinforced concrete water tower with a capacity of 100,000 gallons as the existing towers at Littleport and Sutton. The site chosen is the corner of a field at the back of the Rectory House, abutting the bowling green. There are other convenient sites but this is nearer to the existing pipeline and enables it to be laid straight to the tower without unnecessary curves or awkward bends.

1926 05 18

Messrs Bidwell were to have offered the Anglesey Abbey estate for sale by auction but have announced they have been successful in selling it privately. We understand the purchaser is Captain H. R. Broughton. It was actually sold during the General Strike and now that the prospects for the country are so much brighter and confidence restored there is a pronounced revival in a general investment in land. At Haddenham 18 acres of accommodation land were sold to Mr J.C. Parnell of Stretham for £650.

1926 08 28

A Haddenham man was summoned for driving a horse and trap without lights. Defendant said he was going to Hill Row and had the usual off-side light on his cart. Between the Chequers public house and the war memorial the rim of the wheel caught the screw that turns up the wick, which evidently made the lamp go out. He was in the act of lighting it when the constable came up. A fine of 7s 6d was imposed and defendant asked for leave to appeal against the fine. The Clerk: "You talk too much"

1928 01 23

Ald L. Tebbutt objected to proposals for a bridge over the Old West River at Twentypence Ferry. Cottenham would be linked to two villages in the Isle of Ely – Wilburton and Haddenham, but he did not see that even Cottenham had very great interest in the matter. It was a very awkward road from Cottenham to Cambridge through Histon. There were so many corners at Histon – it was one of the worst places in the country. If they spent the money in putting Histon straight it would be of much greater benefit.

1928 08 15

Ely fire brigade were engaged for nearly eight hours dealing with an outbreak at Hinton Hall, Haddenham where a group of stacks containing about 40 tons of this year's hay was involved. As they were situated in the middle of a group of farm buildings, the firemen had their work cut out. A good supply of water being available from a pond the brigade played two lines of hose on the blaze and they can be highly commended on their smart work

1929 06 13

Haddenham theft of motor caravan – CDN 13.6.1929

1931

A referee said there had been disorderly conduct by the crowd at a football match at Haddenham. He stopped the game twice to take the names of spectators. Later some of them got into the dressing room and tried to strike him. The club said he did not control the game properly and disallowed a goal when the keeper carried the ball across the line. It spoilt the game and annoyed the crowd. They wanted the match against Sawston Paper Mills reserves to be replayed and a competent referee appointed. 31 03 06e

1931 07 24

Reliance Coach Services of Cottenham had three coaches and had contracted to purchase another vehicle for £1,500. They operated services from Cambridge to Cottenham and Willingham; their buses ran five minutes before Ortona's but usually they waited for the Ortona drivers to start up and then got away faster in their smaller vehicle. Now they planned a new service from Haddenham via the Twentypence Bridge 31 07 24b & c

1931 08 21

A farmer from Hill Row, Haddenham was summonsed for failing to pay wages in accordance with the Agricultural Wages Regulation Act, 1924. It said 30 shillings should be paid for every 48 hours in winter and 50 in summer, while ninepence should be paid for every hour worked on Saturday in excess of 5 ½ [FIVE AND A HALF]. He was recognised as a good employer, his men had not worked their full hours during the week and were paid overtime for Saturday work to make up the time lost. It was a technical offence and no fine was imposed 31 08 21d

1931 09 94

Haddenham has lost another aged inhabitant by the death of George Russell who passed away at his home at Hill Row at the advanced age of 86 years. When a young man he went to Sydenham as a grocer's assistant but returned nearly 50 years ago and took the little grocer's shop. Since his wife's death several years ago he has lived with his daughter, Miss Dora Russell, who has recently carried on the business. 31 09 04I

1932 01 07

Scouting is progressing with new troops at Haddenham and Lt Downham, but the 1st Ely Troop has been disbanded owing to the inability to find a scoutmaster and four of their bugles are missing. The Littleport scoutmaster had also left and they were unable to find anyone else suitable. While the new bridge was being built at Adelaide one boy fell into the river but Scout Butcher held him up although he was gradually being pulled in himself. Without his help the other boy would have been drowned. 32 01 07

1934 03 09

There was considerable enthusiasm at the parish meeting held at Haddenham for the election of the parish council. For there were three lady candidates in the field for the first time in history. But neither Mrs Olive Morris, Miss J. Tebbutt nor Mrs Hooper was elected. Mr C. Morris topped the poll followed by H. Feast, F. Peacock, J. Haddock and E.L. Porter. Mr A. Norman said that those electors who were not present would have liked a chance of voting and that there should be a poll. But there was no support for his motion. 34 03 09

1934 07 23

Haddenham – Alfred Norman killed by kick from horse – 34 07 23

1934 08 29

Ely Council's decision to allow the swimming baths to be used on Sunday afternoons prompted strong protests. The Railway Mission deplored it, as did Downham Baptist chapel. Haddenham Baptists say it will necessitate some amount of Sunday labour, Lt Thetford think it a retrograde step and Ely Sunday School Union thought that for the sake of the children Sunday should be preserved from worldly and secular labour 34 08 29

1935 01 02

water scheme, Haddenham – 35 01 02

1935 11 01

A family of Hill Row Causey had a narrow escape when their isolated bungalow was destroyed by fire. Mr Bonnett, a horse keeper, was awakened by the barking of his dog which was chained outside the only door of the house and got his family to safety before the roof collapsed. Captain Peacock of Haddenham Fire Brigade decided nothing could be done to save any of the buildings. Three horses, a dog and several fowls were burnt to death. The engine used for threshing poultry had been moved earlier in the day to refill with water and was intact. Fanned by the strong wind the flames leapt across the Drove and destroyed two hay ricks, the property of Arthur Thulbourne. 35 11 01

1936 01 03

Ely RDC has accepted tenders from Messrs Grensells of Kettering for wiring council houses in Ely Road and West End Sutton, Tower Road, Main Street and Cross Lane Downham, the Cambridge and Ely Roads in Stretham together with Hill Row, Hop Row and Station Road, Haddenham, Millfield Littleport and Haddenham Road at Wilburton. The Beds., Cambs. & Hunts Electricity Company will make a connection charge of £1 for each of the 94 houses – 36 01 03c

1936 02 06

Demolition of property on the top corner, Haddenham would improve visibility for traffic proceeding from Wilburton to Sutton but a more comprehensive improvement could be effected if the adjoining baker's shop in Hop Row could be acquired. Councillors recommended it be acquired and demolished and the existing kerb and footpath line be set back seven feet. At Littleport there would be a small piece of land to spare after improvement at the junction of High Street and Hempfield Road which could be used for the erection of a

public convenience. But there will be no more traffic lights as these are an expensive luxury
36 02 06

1936 06 06

An inquest on the body of Thomas Lawrence, miller of Haddenham, heard he had been thrown from his cart in Grunty Fen during a thunderstorm and had broken his neck - 36 06 06

1939 09 14

Haddenham vicar Kirkland leaves – 36 09 14

1936 11 25

Haddenham has lost one of its oldest residents by the death of Henry Thomas Camps of Linden House. He came from an old farming family and had a record of considerable public service as councillor and trustee to Arkenstalls School and the Baptist Chapel. He was correspondent to the Cambridge Independent Press and as Fellow of the Zoological Society was a judge at the Crystal Palace. 36 11 25

1937 01 19

Haddenham Rev K.G. Sandberg appointed vicar – 37 01 19

1937 02 15

Haddenham football ground has been closed until March 1st by the Cambs F.A. following incidents in the match between Haddenham and Girton in the Creak Shield competition. The referee stated that a section of the spectators used bad language and barracked him throughout the game, ridiculing his decisions when not in favour of the home side. If any similar report is received more drastic action will be taken 37 02 15a

1937 03 26

A great battle is going on over a 50 mile front to save the fens from serious flooding. But in the minds of the hundreds of men working on strengthening the sodden banks is the ever present question 'Will the banks hold?' Despite their efforts the Old West River at Aldreth Causeway overflowed and nine inches of water poured into Haddenham Fen causing people to leave their houses. Great anxiety was also caused when water came over the banks at Willingham and at Lt Thetford where a split occurred in a bank 37 03 16 & a photos – Prickwillow, Earith, Stretham, Ship Inn – 37 03 16c

1937 05 21

Stretham Parade Committee was favoured with a fine day for their annual event for charity, for the first time for several years. The parade was marshalled at the Cross by Messrs P.G. Lowe, P.W. Hazel and PC Boulton and, headed by Haddenham Silver Band, marched off on the tour of the village. The Parade Committee's banner was followed by a van decorated by ladies of the Nursing Association. Afterwards the procession formed up again at the Cross for a service conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S.S. Stitt, who was supported on the platform by the Rev A.R. Routledge, A. Westrupp and E. Stevens 37 05 21

1937 09 16

The Isle of Ely County Council considered the construction of a new road eliminating the bends between Chatteris and Warboys Road, together with the widening of the south side of the Haddenham-Earith Road to include the filling-in of the parish pond. But tenders for £440 to improve the conveniences at Manea school seemed a gross extravagance when there were only 200 children on the books. At Manea they could build a bungalow for that price. Some classes were having to be held on the stairs at March High School as there was no room left in the cloakroom, extensions should be started as soon as possible 37 09 16a

1937 10 08

Ely RDC heard that Mr Setchell of Haddenham had given land at West End on condition it was used as the site of four one-bedroom bungalows, but they preferred four houses. Mr Thompson's offer of a building site for four houses near the school at Little Ouse would be accepted provided he made a gift of land fronting White House Drove. At Plantation Farm, Shippea Hill a proposal for four pairs of three-bedroomed houses will be submitted to Sir Frederick Hiam for his approval. But Mr Everitt felt that by erecting houses on sites that had been offered free they were subsidising the large landowners with free labour. 37 10 08 & a

1937 10 29

Haddenham boy thrashed mother and tried smash home up – 37 10 29

1937 11 05

The cost of providing and maintaining Ely fire brigade and equipment was considerable and there should be payment if they were to attend fires in the rural area, councillors heard. Only Downham, Sutton, Witcham and Haddenham had fire fighting equipment but no one would work the Haddenham engine. The whole district was now connected to a water supply so parish councils should connect to the mains and erect stand pipes. But the Cambridge brigade had offered their services without any retaining fee and that would be cheaper. 37 11 05b

1938 01 14

Haddenham improvements at Duck Lane – Star Brewery give land; but Cherry Tree landlord does not; no bridge for Chettisham railway crossing – 38 01 14c

1938 01 25

Amos Newell, labourer of Hill Row, Haddenham told the court he'd left an overcoat in a living van along with an axe which George Fairchild, farmer, identified as his property. Arthur Gillett, farm labourer of Twentypence Road, Wilburton, said he'd been offered the axe for half-a-crown by an airman who said he'd found it. The man told magistrates he'd run away from RAF Cardington with only a shilling in his pocket and had lived on turnips and cabbages. He'd not have taken the items if he'd known they belonged to 'two old gents such as these' 38 01 25

1938 04 08

Ely RDC discussed the large amount of water that continues to overflow from the water tower at Haddenham on to residents' gardens. Pipes could be put down to Grunty Fen, but people did not want it there. There was also the question of what the village would do if, in the event of war, the tower was struck by a bomb. But Mr Cross said that aircraft seldom hit their objective. Messrs Harding of Duxford's tender was accepted for the erection of three-bedroomed houses at Witcham but in future they should consider building two-bedroomed homes in view of the cost 38 04 08b & c

1938 06 03

The Isle of Ely Highways Department had since 1931 been cleansing four drains at Stretham, nine in Witcham and one in Sutton that had been set out in the Inclosure Awards as public drains. This work had been undertaken under a legal mistake and should have been done at the expense of the respective parishes. This meant a serious cost would now fall on the Rural Council. At Haddenham nothing had been done with the drains and those at Wentworth had not been touched for 50-100 years. Who was going to pay, Councillors asked 38 06 03b

1938 06 24

Hillrow, Haddenham, farmers Walter Newman, Fred Wright, Percy Allen & Arthur Thulborn fined for failing to dress cattle infested with maggots of the warble fly 38 06 24c

1938 08 05

Ely RDC receives tenders for houses at Coveney, West End & Duck Lane Haddenham, Witchford, Downham, Littleport & Lt Ouse. Wilburton school & ditch Carpond Lane 38 08 05c

1939 01 19

Four radio devotees at Haddenham were fined for using wireless receiving sets without licences. One, in Lode Way, claimed he was a repairer and had no sets of his own but there were several sets in a shed together with an aerial and he'd charged batteries for years. Two accused, living at Vine Farm and Hill Row, did not appear in court. Nor did a man from the Council Houses in Station Road where inspectors had found a fairly new set in working condition – the man had claimed it belonged to a lodger. 39 01 19

1939 02 22

Hill Row Haddenham fire inquest 39 02 22

1939 02 27

The tragic end of a widow who perished by the flames which destroyed her home led to a special meeting of Haddenham parish council. Had there been sufficient length of hose or more hydrants in Hill Row the house might have been saved. Twenty hydrants at £100 each would never perish in a hundred years. But a hundred yards of hose would perish in a very short time. The council paid three capable people to take charge of the brigade but they got fed up with criticism and chucked the job in. 39 02 27a

1939 08 02

The Fire Brigade reported they had difficulties arranging for a motor lorry to tow the trailer pump based at Haddenham and arranged for it to be removed to Sutton where a suitable motor tender would always be available. The owner would be paid sixpence a mile with more if it had to convey firemen. Now all Haddenham Brigade were going to resign, though if there were a fire they would probably bring out their hose. 39 08 02 & a

1939 09 02

A Meldreth wheelwright and blacksmith claimed the increased use of motor traction and the slump in the agricultural industry were the cause of his failure. He'd open an ironmonger's shop in Melbourn in 1934 and bought a van to drive round villages selling hardware goods. But he did not make a profit so he sold the van to pay creditors. Two butchers, one at Stretham, the other Haddenham were also insolvent 39 09 20c

1939 11 07

Constance Porter, Highfield House, Hill Row Haddenham – will – 39 11 07

1940 01 26

Lightweight Meets Heavyweight. —Eric Boon, of Chatteris, when driving his car at the crossroads, Haddenham, at mid-day on Monday, collided with Mr. H. T. Setchell's motor lorry. It is reported that the lightweight was the loser in the encounter, as Boon's car was more damaged than the lorry. Both vehicles were, however, able to proceed on their way, and neither of the drivers was injured

1940 02 08

Ely RDC – underground bakehouse at Haddenham unsuitable, Aldreth needs proper water supply – 40 02 08c

1940 02 15

Church hall buildings t Stretham, Haddenham, Ely area occupied by evacuees, rates discussed – 40 02 15c

1940 12 31

Harry Salmons, Haddenham knocked down in Black Out on Boxing Day – 40 12 31a

1944 01 14

Haddenham farmers supplied poultry dealer with corn without permit – 44 01 14

1946 08 22

Haddenham woman, Doris Blake, and German PoW Alexander Todt – he formerly from Africa Corps working at Chivers Farm, Aldreth, she from 'The Retreat' Sand Lane; found on yacht in channel – 46 08 22; in court – 46 08 24 & a; Todt returns Ely PoW camp – 46 08 26b

1947 03 18

Hundreds of men and women, troops and German prisoners among them who worked throughout last night are still pitting their efforts against the biggest flood threat of all time. The breach at Over today widened to over 20 yards during the night and at about 1 o'clock this afternoon water began to pour over the top of the Old West.River bank at Haddenham. The break at Lt Thetford yesterday afternoon flooded over 2,000 acres.

1947 05 16

Still more pumps brought over from Holland are coming into the Cambridgeshire fens to help add further food- producing acres to the thousands already cleared of flood water since "Operation Fenlands" began about two months ago. One, a 36-inch pump capable of throwing 110 tons of water a minute - nearly 25,000 gallons – is about to be installed on the Earith-Sutton road at Chain Drove. It will reinforce the battery of three 24-inch ones from Holland already operating there. Together with three similar pumps they can take over half a million tons every 24 hours off the flooded Haddenham Fen area.In other words they will clear daily an amount of water equal to Parker's Piece flooded to a depth of twentyfeet

1950 03 16

The military engineering branch want to take by rail 1,000 tons of peaty soil from the wide verges at the side of the concrete road at Lode Lane Haddenham to Christchurch in Hampshire to carry out soil stabilisation experiments. The intention was that the experimenters should bring their equipment down to the site, but now the county council had been surprised to find that the branch did not want to come into the county to work owing to the question of expense of maintaining their staff here for about three months. It would require the soil from an area 400 yards long, 20 feet wide and 12 inches deep. It would not affect the passage of traffic along the drove in any way

1950 08 31

The post office proposes to introduce the 999 scheme for emergency calls as from today at exchanges in the areas of Bottisham, Comberton, Cottenham, Elsworth, Shelford, Haddenham & Waterbeach. The system enables a caller by dialling 999 instead of 0 to secure the special attention of the exchange operator for emergency calls. Special equipment has been installed at the exchange so that when 999 is dialled an emergency lamp and loud buzzer will indicate to the operator that the call is especially urgent.

1954 03 03

Haddenham windmill, a landmark in the fens, may become a dangerous structure if it is not repaired soon. Experts estimate it would cost about £2,000 to put it into a sound condition. It was last in use about nine years ago and is still owned by the miller who worked it then. It is scheduled as an historic building but the Ministry will not make a grant to aid its preservation. In a letter to The Times, Mr P.G. Norman, secretary of the Friends of Haddenham, says it was built in 1803, its machinery and sails are intact and it is not beyond repair

1954 06 03

Eastern Electricity says that more villages in the Ely area are to be connected to the public supply in the next six months. Already Mepal, Coveney, Pondersbridge and Ramsey Heights have been connected and Prickwillow, Barway and outlying parts of Haddenham and Littleport will follow. But it can only be economically justified if farmers recognise that electricity be used to the fullest extent as an aid to production and not just for lighting, radio and television. It increases their output and hastens the day when electricity can be made available throughout the whole of the countryside.

1955 11 25

A 69-year-old Haddenham man appeared in court charged with wrongly drawing a retirement pension of £2 7s 6d when he was earning more than 41s a week. He had been a roadman until March 1954 when he claimed a pension saying he had been born in 1886. The clerk told him that once a man reached 70 he could work and earn as much as he liked and could also draw his pension in full: 'You have to wait until you are too old to work, and then you can'. 55 11 25

1958 03 17

A Hawker Hunter jet aircraft from RAF Waterbeach crashed into a ploughed field at Hinton Hall, Haddenham. It was seen to dive 'straight into the ground' and an explosion followed the impact. The pilot baled out and landed at the back of some Council houses at Wilburton, 800 yards away 58 03 17

1958 08 30

British Railways Eastern Region announces the closure of Earith Bridge Station on the St Ives to Ely line from Monday October 6th. Alternative facilities for parcels and freight traffic are available at Bluntisham, Somersham, Sutton and Haddenham stations. 58 08 30d

1959 03 03

Haddenham woman Annie Searle drowns, Hillrow – 59 03 03

1961 07 13

Haddenham water supply not serious – 61 07 13

1961 07 18

Haddenham Bowls Club, believed to be the first in the Isle of Ely, celebrated their Diamond Jubilee with a match against the County Bowling Association's Executive. Founded in 1911, their first pavilion was an old Cambridge tram. Today they have facilities which would do justice to many larger clubs. They have provided several county players and represented Cambridgeshire in the National Championships 61 07 18

1962 09 13

Haddenham sewage scheme tenders sought – 62 09 13a

1962 10 04

Haddenham fruit farm visit by women – 62 10 04

1962 11 28

Haddenham garage fire – photo – 62 11 28

1963 11 14

Ely councillors voted to erect a two-storey block of 14 flats for old people with warden's accommodation attached at Haddenham, backing proposals by Coun Miss J. Tebbutt. The flats would be centrally heated and have a community room. They would be let to elderly people who could look after themselves with the reassurance of a warden nearby. There would also be space for bungalows. But some thought it a 'costly experiment'. Now the County Council will decide. 63 11 14b

1964 01 30

Once a day, at 1.15 pm, a little diesel train leaves Ely station, goes eight miles and arrives at Sutton. Then at 3.20 pm it turns round and goes back again. Hauling three goods wagons, it stops first at Little Thetford where the driver and fireman nip down smartly from the cab, open and close the gates, and continue the trip. It carries mainly fuel, with possible stops at Stretham, Wilburton and Haddenham stations. Thirty years this little-known line carried a passenger service. It was constructed under the Grunty Fen Railway Act of 1864 and the Friends of Haddenham hope to run a centenary passenger special. 64 01 30b

1964 02 06

Haddenham block of 14 old peoples' flats approved, High Street – 64 02 06a

1964 03 13

Haddenham parish register dates back to 1570 – 64 03 13a

1963 08 03

Haddenham Young Farmers Club show 64 08 03c

1964 09 18

A.G. Wright saw 1,700 acres of his land at Haddenham swamped by the flood of 1947. Since then he has worked to avoid a similar disaster. He has a wide knowledge of fen drainage and has been responsible for many improvements meeting the challenge of Britain's biggest drainage scheme in the same way as he introduced mechanisation into fenland farming – with knowledge and a realisation of the enormity of the task. Now he believes the flood menace is beaten. In honour of his work, part of the scheme will be named after him 64 09 18a

1965 02 26

Haddenham photo feature – 65 02 26d

1966 04 09

Ely-Haddenham-Sutton railway – history – 66 04 09a

Railway stations to be sold at Six Mile Bottom, Sutton (pic), Bluntisham, Haddenham, Harston, Wilburton, Stretham, Dullingham, Isleham, Longstanton – 66 04 29a

1972 03 17

It is known that William the Conqueror launched a full-scale against Hereward. But did he attack through the Aldreth causeway or along another causeway from the direction of Stuntney and much nearer Ely. Now Dr R.C.Smail, Fellow of Sidney Sussex college and his son Richard a Perse school pupil will be arguing against Reg Holmes, a noted Ely historian and Charles Bester, parish clerk of Haddenham. The chair to be taken by J.R. Ravensdale lecturer at Homerton and another local historian. (And it was organised by a young Mike Petty!; just for the record the audience voted in favour of Aldreth)

1972 12 18

Its not every day that you meet the Minister for Education. So its a bit embarrassing to do so when your hands are covered in sticky modelling clay. But that's what the children of Haddenham playgroup did on Saturday. And the Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher loved it. She sat down

and joined in their activities. She was there to open their new extensions, built on to the vicarage. Mrs Thatcher said: "This is a marvellous example of what can be achieved from basic beginnings". The group were formed four years ago. Today 39 children attend and are looked after by the vicar's wife, the Honourable Mrs Margaret Fox and a group of 20 adult helpers

1973 04 27

The railway children will be laughing and chattering again soon in the waiting room and ticket office of the ghost station at Haddenham - although it is years since the train passed along the line. The little station will come to life again as a result of the vision and far-sightedness of Mrs Jean Holdaway, the Girl Guides County Commissioner, who saw that the crumbling building had the possibility for being turned into a splendid outdoor activities centre for Guides. The old waiting room will become the living-cum-dining-room for the parties of Brownies, Guides and Rangers who will use the centre. The first Brownies will arrive to stay at Haddenham Halt just as Mrs Holdaway retires as County Commissioner after five years in the job

1974 01 12

The economic crisis has forced a Haddenham baker to cut his van deliveries by half, leaving an estimated 600 customers in Cottenham, Haddenham and Wilburton to find alternative suppliers of their daily bread. Mr John Wright said that he was pulling three of his five vans off the road permanently. The national association of master bakers said the profit margin per loaf was too small to make van deliveries economically viable. Barker's bakery, Betabake and the Co-operative Society all have shops in Cottenham

1974 02 09

Hundreds of in-calf cows in East Anglia are being slaughtered because their owners cannot afford to keep them, claims a Haddenham farmer, Sidney Ward. He also predicts a milk shortage. The price of feeding stuffs has doubled in the past 18 months. But the price of milk is still the same. The outlook for milk and beef is bleak because many of the lower production cows are not economic to keep in the present situation. When he started retailing milk in 1931 a full loaf of bread was the same price as a pint of milk. "Look at the difference now. We are in a crisis"

1974 08 16

Someone in Haddenham was displeased when the parish council decided to reallocate allotments to local gardeners. So they decided to get their own back, says the parish council clerk, by planting his prize garden full of weeds – giant bindweed, nettles, twitch grass and

willow herb. "I would have given anyone a pound for any weed they found in my garden, now I've dug eight or nine pailfuls of weed roots up from all over it", Mr Charles Bester said. They had been cut into three inch root lengths, and dug in with a long-tined fork and the top soil carefully replaced. He found the weeds when digging in some fertiliser. And that's not all he found. By way of some small recompense he dug up a George I farthing, a William III farthing and a 1963 sixpence.

1975 03 27

56 girls want to lead the cheers for the Cambridge "It's a Knock Out" team – and the organiser are so impressed they have arranged for a mass audition. The girls will be trained to do a cheer leader routine in front of a crowd of 10,000 when Cambridge takes on Peterborough and Oxford at the Cambridge City FC ground on May 25th. Contenders include Mrs Judith Slater of Sawston, Debbie Haddock of Haddenham, Ann Pretty, a ballet student of Cambridge and Mandy Turner, a food research technician

1976 01 05

About 700 homes in mid-Anglia were without electricity today – more than 48 hours after the gales. The areas hit by major faults included Saffron Walden, Ickleton, Burwell, Littleport, Haddenham, Gamlingay and Melbourn. Up until yesterday afternoon between 1,500 and 2,000 homes had been without power. The Fire Brigade dealt with 150 emergency calls and had all their appliances working to make wind-damaged property safe. Thirty caravans were blown over at Caravan International's Newmarket site.

1976 03 31

A quick morning's visit by comedian Dave Allen and a television crew to the Haddenham Farmland Museum unexpectedly became a full-day's filming. The original plan was to feature the museum in a six-minute slot for a half-hour documentary programme, but when they arrived they were faced with a blacksmith, needlecraft specialists and a brass band, many of them pupils at local village colleges. They had to play at less than normal volume so they did not drown out the filming of a conversation between Dave Allen and Craig Delanoy, the 11-year-old founder of the museum.

1976 10 12

A pirate radio station raided by police and Post Office officials last week was back on the air at the weekend. ABC England, which has been broadcasting a two-hour music programme to Europe each Sunday, was found transmitting at New Town Road, Haddenham. It is claimed the owner of the property was not involved and had merely lent out his shed. Amongst those caught were a number of Cambridge men known to have a keen interest in the cause of free radio. Operating on short wave it has been making regular transmissions since February. A spokesman for the radio station said a broadcast went out from a secret address on a replacement transmitter

1977 03 28

Motorists were caught on the hop today as snow spread across almost all of East Anglia. The A45 was blocked near Newmarket when a tanker crashed at the Red Lodge petrol pumps & an unladen tanker overturned near the Four Went Ways. The Chatteris to Ely road was almost blocked & at Haddenham a baker's van slithered across the road. Police say there have been inundated with reports of hold-ups and accidents. Villagers at Hardwick were still without electricity at lunchtime, 11 hours after power went off. Parts of Papworth and Eltisley are also without supplies.

1978 04 29

Haddenham Farmland Museum began with a modest box full of bric-a-brac collected by 13-year-old Craig Delanoy but has inspired support from the most unlikely of sources. There's never any difficulty in persuading the village youngsters to do their bit and indeed the whole village of Haddenham seems to take pride in what the museum has achieved since it opened

in 1969 and more than £2,000 has been raised for charities. But an illustrious Cambridgeshire county councillor from that centre of culture, Peterborough, has condemned it as a glorified load of junk

1979 05 23

The Farmland Museum at Haddenham is to close – because it is too successful. It will shut after celebrating its tenth anniversary because the owners, the Delanoy family, say it is eating up too much time and money. It started when their son Craig, then four, collected a few items in a bedroom and invited relations to view them. Since then it has developed an international reputation and attracts thousands of visitors, raising money for charity. Last Saturday alone it had 640 visitors at the village open day and even with voluntary helpers lending a hand they cannot continue.

1980 02 20

One of Cambridgeshire's few remaining traditional bakers, Mr John Edward Wright (known as Ted) has died. He built up the Copper Kettle firm & supplied bread to shops all over Cambridge. He moved to Haddenham at the end of the war and later opened a bakery and shop in Halifax Road, Cambridge as well as in Sutton & Cottenham. He also ran the Copper Kettle tea shop at one time. He always took great pride in the fact that his bread was always made the traditional way with no additives 80 02 20

1980 05 17

Haddenham Farmland Museum has been saved from closure by the generosity of a local firm. Ideson's Garage, Stretham, in conjunction with Lada cars has stepped in and offered half the amount the museum needs to stay alive and extend its facilities and a number of large companies have offered the remaining sponsorship. It will enable the museum to expand to cater for larger groups, including school children 80 05 17

1980 12 01

Soham Comrades' Band is the new brass band champion of Cambridge, snatching the title from Littleport. Chatteris Town Band came third. Each had to play a march, a hymn and one other work. In the contest for small bands Waterbeach took the first prize, Wicken was second, followed by Cottenham, Haddenham and Burwell. Cottenham took the Cook trophy for the highest marks in the march with the Ernie Avery memorial trophy for the highest marks in the hymn going to Waterbeach. 80 12 01

1981 06 05

Police evacuated families when fire ripped through a furniture warehouse in Haddenham High Street, destroying stored furniture and people's belongings. Firemen managed to confine the blaze to the asbestos-built warehouse though they ran short of water and had to send for extra pumps. Crowds lined the street as a pall of smoke hung over the village and the noise of exploding asbestos echoed around the buildings. 81 06 05b

1982 06 10

The landlords of the Twenty Pence Inn near Cottenham invited the Queen and the Prime Minister to a party to celebrate the introduction of the new 20p coin. But they both had other engagements. A special Twenty Pence Ale – brewed for the occasion – was on sale but could only be bought with a 20 pence coin. A display of old brewing equipment was loaned from Haddenham Farmland Museum and music supplied by Cottenham Brass Band and the Steve Anthony Duo. 82 06 10a

1982 06 11

The new flying craze, sport and business of microlights has arrived in Cambridgeshire. Taurus Aviation has been set up at Haddenham and with the co-operation of farmers they now have a choice of fields from which they can take off and land. Meanwhile a Haverhill Company is selling an American-made microlight for £3,000 including five hour's free instruction. It can be assembled in half-an-hour and carried on a car roof-rack. 82 06 11 b&c

1982 09 02

If you want to buy a microlight aircraft in Cambridgeshire there is only one place you should go – Taurus Aviation of Haddenham. They are agents for Puma aircraft with prices ranging from £2,317 for a single-seater to £3,230 for a two-seater model. A trial flight, just to see if you like the sensation, will cost £11.50 and dual instruction is £23 an hour. It seems a lot of money, but middle-aged people find it thrilling. 82 09 02

1983 05 14

Haddenham Mill House has been restored and made into a comfortable home. But the adjacent windmill is a major restoration project. The mill was built in 1803 and stopped working in 1945. The top was off and it stood open to the weather until recently, adding to its deterioration. Now the two properties are on the market for £52,000. Any purchaser will have a comfortable house to live in while he contemplates what to do about it. 83 05 14 p12

1984 06 23

The image of brass bands has changed: no longer do they consist of a couple of dozen old gentlemen and two lads blowing away at favourite marches for an hour on Sunday mornings. Now they are for younger people. Epitomising this trend is Waterbeach Brass Band; of their 33 players more than half are under 35 and most of their soloists are youngsters. It was formed six years ago when members of the Few and Neville families who played with the Haddenham band decided to form their own. Now the bandmaster is John Few, his wife is a percussionist and his four children also play 84 06 23 p9

1984 07 11

Haddenham has started twinning links with a remote community in Somalia. Instead of getting involved in the usual round of civic pomp the villagers are being more practical and raising money to help improve conditions for starving people in the community of Fiqi Fuliye. Virtually every club is involved in the project organised by Dr Margaret Spufford after she and her husband started giving talks on Third World problems 84 07 11

1984 09 19

A loyal staff and hard-working builders have enabled Wrights of Haddenham to get baking again, just seven weeks after a fire swept through their High Street premises. The blaze

started in the roof which crashed down wreaking devastation. Big supermarket customers, the mainstay of the business, had to find alternative suppliers while the firm brought bread and cakes to stock their retail shops at Haddenham and Cottenham. Now the ovens are baking once more so the University student who has missed his Danish pastry or curry puff from the corner shop can enjoy them once more 84 09 19

1985 12 12

Haddenham Farmland Museum has been supported by Lada Cars through Ideson's Motors for the last five years. Now they are seeking fresh backing. The Museum started life in 1969 when one of the Delanoy's three sons, Craig, collected a few bits and pieces and charged his friends to see them. Little did the family realise how it would expand from those humble beginnings. Hundreds of people have donated exhibits and thousands of pounds have been collected for charity. 85 12 12a

1986 03 12

A family firm of bakers and confectioners, John E Wright and Son, has made a remarkable recovery. In August 1984 fire swept through their four-year-old bakery off Haddenham High Street causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. They had 30 wholesale customers they could just not supply and thought of giving up. But the bakery was ready for operation again after only eight weeks and their most recent shop in Newmarket, which includes a coffee and snack bar, opened in November 86 03 12 & a

1987 11 27

Anson Packaging's new £1.5 million extension to its production space was opened by the Mayor of Ely, Coun. Margaret Gordon-Potts. The firm, which started in 1971 at St Ives with 12 staff, moved to the site of the former Haddenham railway station in 1977. It now operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and employs 300 people. They are a leading producer of thermoformed plastic packaging for the food trade and an approved supplier to Marks & Spencer 87 11 27

1988 04 26

A Neolithic Stone Age wooden building discovered at Haddenham is the earliest of its kind in Europe. The walls, floors and roof have survived the wet conditions of the fens, enabling archaeologists to learn about prehistoric technology and burial rituals. They want to see it reconstructed in oak and earth to look exactly as it was 6,000 years ago to become a new tourist attraction 88 04 26

1989 09 10

Wrights bakery of Haddenham, which in its heyday employed more than 50 people, has closed down because it cannot get skilled staff. The firm supplied bread and cakes to shops and supermarkets for 40 years. The 4,000 sq ft factory, virtually rebuilt after a disastrous fire in 1984, is being put on the market. They had hoped to sell the one-acre site for redevelopment and move to a smaller bakery at Witchford. But planners rejected the proposal 89 09 10b

1989 10 21

The Farmland Museum at Haddenham, one of the region's biggest collections of bygones, has celebrated its 20th anniversary but it will close unless new sponsorship is found. Four years ago it was rescued by the United Molasses Company. Curator Mike Delanoy says £5,000 is needed. "The amount involved is only peanuts, but if I had £1 for every person who told me it was peanuts I'd have had my £5,000" 89 10 21a